Management of primary health centres

3144. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme for involving private medical colleges and non-governmental organizations in the management of primary health centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of private medical colleges which have come forward in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) There is no scheme for involving private medical colleges for the management of primary health centres except in the State of Karnataka.

As per the new guidelines of department of Family Welfare supported NGOs schemes, the Mother NGOs and Service NGOs will be involved in the delivery of health care services where primary health centres are not equiped with minimal infrastructure.

(b) There is no scheme for involvement of private medical colleges in Orissa.

Legislation to discourage use of tobacco

†3145. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Legislation has been enacted to discourage the use of tobacco and tobacco products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have also advised the States to follow the said legislation and consequently some States are following the same; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by Government to ensure that the said legislation is also followed by those States who are not yet following the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (d) The Cigarettes and other Tobacco products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and

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